

Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indians,  
Dining Hall (Thomas Indian School, Dining Hall)  
Route 438  
Cattaraugus Reservation  
Irving  
Erie County  
New York

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# ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New York		COUNTY Erie	TOWN OR VICINITY Irving
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indians, Dining Hall			HABS NO. NY-6012-B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Thomas Indian School, Dining Hall			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Route 438, Cattaraugus Reservation			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) circa 1901		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) John S. Barney and Henry Otis Chapman	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Dining Hall was part of the new school plan devised following the school's transfer to the New York State Department of Welfare's jurisdiction in 1898. The school was the social and educational center of the Cattaraugus Reservation from the end of the nineteenth century through the first half of the twentieth century.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Georgian Revival			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Load-bearing masonry			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See photocopies of plans			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 2½-story brick structure; hip roof; modillioned cornice; arcade with rusticated brick columns on facade; stone quoins second floor of facade; three arched windows in central section of second floor facade which is stone-faced; carved inscriptions below central windows and above side windows on second floor facade			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See photocopies of plans			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places, 1972			
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